

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel claims 3, 20, 27 and 28 . Please amend claims 1, 5, 12-14, 16,18 and 21-25.

The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program installed on a first  
2 computer system, the computer program including a script processing module, the method  
3 comprising:

4 receiving ~~an~~ a plurality of upgrade object objects associated with the computer  
5 program, the each said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality  
6 of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script  
7 processing module to upgrade the computer program, the script being not independently  
8 executable without the script processing module, the each said upgrade object being  
9 generated on a second computer system remote from said first computer system and  
10 transmitted from said second computer system to said first computer system, wherein each  
11 said upgrade object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said  
12 upgrade object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said  
13 upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite;

14 with respect to each said upgrade object containing at least one respective  
15 prerequisite, automatically determining whether the at least one respective prerequisite has  
16 been met; and

17 performing an upgrade of said computer program by compiling and executing the  
18 each said script on said first computer system with the script processing module, wherein,  
19 with respect to each said upgrade object containing at least one respective prerequisite, the  
20 respective script contained in the object is not compiled and executed until the respective at  
21 least one prerequisite contained in the object has been met, and wherein the at least one  
22 prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

- 1        2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising instructing the script  
2           processing module to execute the script.
3. (Cancelled)
- 1        4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically reporting  
2           from said first computer system to said second computer system that the script has been executed.
- 1        5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of upgrade object is  
2           objects are transmitted from said first computer system to said second computer system by  
3           electronic mail.

6-11. (Cancelled)

1       12. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program installed on a first  
2       computer system, the computer program including a script processor, the method comprising:

3              creating an a plurality of upgrade object objects associated with the computer  
4       program on a second computer system remote from said first computer system, the each  
5       said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script  
6       instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processor to  
7       upgrade the computer program, the script being not independently executable without the  
8       script processor, wherein each said upgrade object contains a respective sequence number,  
9       wherein at least one said upgrade object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and  
10       wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, each  
11       prerequisite to be determined as being met by said script processor before compiling and  
12       executing the script contained in the corresponding upgrade object;

13              transmitting the plurality of upgrade object objects from the second computer system  
14       to the first computer system; and

15              instructing an end user to perform an upgrade of said computer program by compiling  
16       and executing the each said script with the script processor, wherein, with respect to each  
17       said upgrade object containing a least one respective prerequisite, the respective script  
18       contained in the object is not compiled and executed until the respective at least one  
19       prerequisite contained in the object has been met, and wherein the at least one prerequisite  
20       allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

1       13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one said upgrade  
2       object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

1       14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one said upgrade  
2       object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

## 15. (Cancelled)

1       16. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program on a first computer  
2       system, comprising:

3             (i) installing a computer program on the computer system, the computer program  
4       including a script processing module;

5             (ii) receiving ~~an a plurality of upgrade object objects~~ associated with the computer  
6       program, ~~the each said~~ upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality  
7       of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script  
8       processing module and a respective sequence number, at least one said upgrade object  
9       containing a prerequisite field containing one or more prerequisites for executing the script,  
10      wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, the  
11      each said upgrade object being generated on a second computer system remote from said  
12      first computer system and transmitted from said second computer system to said first  
13      computer system; and

14             (iii) instructing the computer program to process ~~the each said~~ upgrade object, whereby  
15       ~~the each said~~ upgrade object causes the computer system to:

16                 ~~if the upgrade objects contains one or more prerequisites,~~ determine if the one or  
17       more prerequisites have been met; and

18                 ~~responsive to determining that the one or more prerequisites have been met;~~ instruct  
19       the script processing module to execute the script ~~if all prerequisites, to the extent there are~~  
20       ~~any, contained in the upgrade object have been met;~~ and

21                 report that the script has been executed.

22                 ~~wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of~~  
23       ~~sequence.~~

17. (Cancelled)

1       18. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a computer program into an instruction  
2       processing environment on a first computer system, the instruction processing environment  
3       including a script processing module, the method comprising:

4             receiving ~~an~~ a plurality of installation object objects associated with the computer  
5       program, ~~the each said~~ installation object including a respective script comprising a  
6       plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the  
7       script processing module to install the computer program into the instruction processing  
8       environment on said first computer system, the script being not independently executable  
9       without the script processing module, ~~the each said~~ installation object being generated on a  
10      second computer system remote from said first computer system and transmitted from said  
11      second computer system to said first computer system, ~~wherein each said installation object~~  
12      contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said installation object  
13      contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said installation objects  
14      have the same at least one respective prerequisite;

15             with respect to each said installation object containing at least one respective  
16      prerequisite, automatically determining whether the at least one respective prerequisite has  
17      been met; and

18             installing said computer program into said instruction processing environment by  
19      compiling and executing ~~the each said~~ script with the script processing module, ~~wherein,~~  
20      ~~with respect to each said installation object containing at least one respective prerequisite,~~  
21      ~~the respective script contained in the installation object is not compiled and executed until~~  
22      ~~the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the installation object has been met,~~  
23      and wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of  
24      sequence.

19 - 20. (Cancelled)

- 1 21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising reporting that ~~the~~  
2 ~~instruction set at least one said script~~ has been executed.
- 1 22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the each said~~ installation object is  
2 transmitted from said first computer system to said second computer system by electronic mail.

- 1        23. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a computer program into an instruction  
2        processing environment on a first computer system, the instruction processing environment  
3        including a script processing module, the method comprising:  
4                creating ~~an~~ a plurality of installation ~~object~~ objects associated with the computer program  
5        on a second computer system remote from said first computer system, ~~the~~ each ~~said~~ installation  
6        object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined  
7        script instruction set adapted for use by the script processing module to install the computer  
8        program into the instruction processing environment on said first computer system, the script  
9        being not independently executable without the script processing module, ~~wherein each said~~  
10      installation object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said installation  
11      object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said installation objects  
12      have the same at least one respective prerequisite, each prerequisite to be determined as being met  
13      by said script processing module before compiling and executing the script contained in the  
14      corresponding installation object;  
15      transmitting the plurality of installation ~~object~~ objects from the second computer system to  
16      the first computer system; and  
17      instructing an end user to install said computer program into said instruction processing  
18      environment by compiling and executing ~~the~~ each ~~said~~ script with the script processing module,  
19      wherein, with respect to each said installation object containing a least one respective  
20      prerequisite, the respective script contained in the installation object is not compiled and executed  
21      until the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the installation object has been met, and  
22      wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.
- 1        24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ at least one said installation  
2        object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

1        25     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein ~~the at least one said~~ installation  
2           object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

1        26     (Previously Presented) A method for upgrading a computer program on a computer  
2           system, the computer program including a script processing module, the method comprising  
3           configuring the computer system to perform the method of claim 1.

27 - 28.     (Cancelled)